(c) whether Government propose to revamp/expand it in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) to (c) There is no proposal to expand the Barauni Fertilizer Unit, due to its poor capacity utilisation and continuous losses. As regards its revamping, no decision has been taken.

खरपतवार-नाशक दवा 24-डी के प्रयोग पर प्रतिबंध

*373. **श्री शरद यादव** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश में किसान 24-डी नामक खरपतवार-नाशक दवा का प्रयोग कर रहे हैं जिससे मिट्टी की उर्वरकता नष्ट हो जाती है और उसे बंजर भूमि में बदल देती है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस रसायन के उत्पादन और आयात पर प्रतिबन्ध लगाने के क्या करण हैं ?

कृषि मंत्री (श्री जी०एस० ढिल्लो) : (क) 24-डी तथा उनके विभिन्न मिश्रणों (फार्मुलेशन्स) ने चावल (वर्षा-सिंचित) गेंहूं, आलू तथा गन्ने में खरपतवारों का नियंत्रण करने में बहुत आशाजनक परिणाम दिखाया है। सिफारिश की गई मात्राओं में इन कृमिनाशक दवाओं के प्रयोग से मिटटी की उर्वरकता पर कोई प्रतिकूल प्रभाव नहीं दिखायी पड़ता और वे अनुवर्ती फसलों के लिए कोई विषाक्तता नहीं रहने देते हैं।

(ख) (क) को देखते हुए, प्रश्न ही नहीं होता है।

Second Master Plan for Delhi

*377. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are formulating second Master Plan for Delhi so as to check the growing menace of encroachments;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for the delay;

(d) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items which appeared in the Times of India of the 25th and 26th October, 1986 respectively under the captions "The Vanishing Pavments" and "Encroachments a major problem"; and

(e) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) to (c) The Master Plan of Delhi which has been in operation since 1962 is proposed to be comprehensively revised, with a perspective upto the year 2001, with a view to providing for the planned development and purposeful transformation of the socioeconomic natural and built environment of the city for facing the contemporary challenges.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Encroachments on pavements, public streets, etc. are dealt with by the local authorities concerned in accordance with the provisions of their respective Acts and the rules/regulations/bye-laws made thereunder.

Security free loan for weaker sections

*378. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Rural Development Ministers who met recently in Delhi have suggested that the security free bank loans for the weaker sections should be doubled;

(b) if so, the details of the suggestions made thereat; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G.S. DHILLON): (a) and (b) Presently under the Integrated Rural Development Programme borrowers are not required to furnish any security for investment loans upto Rs. 5000. They are only required to hypothecate the assets created by the loans. In the Conference of State Rural Development Ministers held in Delhi on 24th October, 1986, there was a consensus that this limit be raised to Rs. 10000.

(c) The matter is under consideration in continuation with the Reserve Bank of India.

Sugar production

*379. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any increase in sugar production during the year 1985-86 as compared to 1984-85;

(b) if so, what is the extent of increase in the production;

(c) whether it would be necessary to import sugar in 1986-87, if so, the quantity expected to be imported; and

(d) whether import of sugar is likely to be stopped in view of increase in domestic production in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Sugar production during 1985-86 season was 70.03 lakh tonnes (provisional) as against 61.44 lakh tonnes during 1984-85 season, showing an increase of 14 per cent over the previous year.

(c) and (d) In view of the encouraging trend in sugar production, the proposal for further import of sugar, if any, will be considered at the appropriate time after taking into account the production/consumption trends during 1986-87 season.

Shifting of heavy industry from Delhi

*380. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the D.D.A. have changed its rules regarding shifting of large and heavy industires from Delhi in pursuance of its new Act enacted in January, 1986; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the changes made and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Delhi Development Authority has however, issued in January, 1986, the Regulations, viz. the Delhi Development Authority (Zoning) Regulations, 1983 under section 57 read with section 14 of the Delhi Development Act, 1957, which *inter alia*, provide for shifting of non-conforming industrial uses.

Principle of accountability in Scientific Institutes

†2355. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the application of the principle of accountability in sicentific institutions is very poor which are now manned in a routine manner without any goals; if so, whether Government propose to enforce accountability amongst top managers in Council of Scientific and Agricultural Research (CSIR), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), and Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR); and

(b) whether it is also a fact that system of rotation of Heads of Divisions in ICAR Institutes has proved unworkable

†Previously Unstarred Question 1623, transferred from the 20th November, 1986.